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each of the ministers of the other local churches, for Miss Stribling having grown up in the community, is known and loved by all. Mr. J. W. Todd, of the Seneca church, spoke of the interest the neighboring Presbyterian churches have and promised that they would not forget to follow the missionary with their prayers. In all this there was hardly one note of sadness, rather there was rejoicing, that this young woman, so well prepared, should offer her life for this service. We do, indeed, hope that a lasting impression has been made upon the minds and hearts of the many young people present, and that some of them will follow.

W. H. Mills.

### TEXAS.

Presbytery of Central Texas will meet in the Chilton Presbyterian church Tuesday, September 18, 1917, at 8 P. M. Blanks for narratives will be furnished in due time.

M. C. Hutton, Stated Clerk.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Dr. A. R. Shaw, from Natchez, Miss., to Davidson, N. C.

### PERSONAL.

Dr. J. W. Bradley and family and Miss Nellie Sprunt, of our missionary force in China, are on their way to this country on furlough and should land in Vancouver in a few days.

### THAT LIBERTY LOAN OF YOURS.

By Mildred Welsh.

It was a little story of real human interest that the reporter of the New York Times happened on the other day. He was "covering" the trial of two notorious anarchists. "May it please, your honor," said the United States assistant district attorney, "we have with us the father of John Calhoun Allen, the young man brought before you some weeks ago for refusing to register." Tall, straight, John Allen, fresh from the Kentucky hills, stepped forward. Blue, collarless shirt, corduroy trousers, loose hanging coat, heavy boots, wide hat, six feet two inches a man, he looked the judge in the eyes and began.

"I started to write an answer to your letter, judge," he began, "then I thought I'd better come and see what was the matter with this boy of mine. I've got five boys and this one's the oldest. The two next is in the army, though they ain't twenty-one yet, and the two youngest is going as soon as they are old enough. Judge, if you will let me take that son of mine back with me, I'll see that he comes to time when his country calls. There ain't going to be no quitters in the Allen family."

"I have the utmost confidence in you," said the judge, "and I shall release your son in your custody, confident that you will see to it that he obeys the law and registers."

"He'll register all right, judge," and his clear eyes flashed. Then he added simply: "If I had a thousand sons and my country needed them, my country would get every one of 'em."

Meantime the young fellow had been brought into the marshal's office.

"Son," said the old man, with his hand on the boy's shoulder, "don't you know you don't come from no such stock as these slackers and quitters or whatever else you call such cattle? No, you ain't crazy. Our folks don't go crazy. You're going to register, and you're going to fight if your country calls you. Because if you don't," under the soft drawl of the moun-

taineer ran cold steel, "when I get you back home, I'll take you to the square and shoot you myself before all the folks."

The tears sprang to the boy's eyes. "I'll register and I'll fight, too," he said. "Of course, you will," replied his father, because if you didn't you wouldn't be my son."

Speaking of it afterwards, the judge said, "That old fellow is one of the kind that makes the country great. He is a real American."

Yes, of course, you already understand about that Liberty Loan of yours. All you are waiting for is to find out exactly where to lend it.

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What a vision! America's reserves—held back among the mountains for the hour of her need. Trained, disciplined, prepared, her own sons and daughters come, clean, strong, unafraid, ready in the hour when God and their country call.

Contributions for this cause should be marked "Volunteer Teachers' Fund" and sent to Rev. D. J. Woods, treasurer, Blacksburg, Va.

### CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN LIFE AND DOCTRINE.

This recent conference at Montreat, known by a name suggestive of abstruse and abstract thought, has been one of the most helpful and attractive of the entire series. The chief speakers were Dr. Neil L. Anderson, acting president of the Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, and Dr. Thornton Whaling president of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.

The task assigned Dr. Whaling was the discussion of the fundamental doctrines of our Church, which we are all supposed to believe to begin with and which we usually tie up in brown paper and deposit neatly out of sight on the top shelves of our mental bookcase. The tremendous solemnity and energy with which Dr. Whaling handled these great doctrines, the intense interest of his audiences and the realization of the import of such vital truths go a long way towards proving that modern conditions of thought have not robbed "doctrinal preaching" of its power.

After this feast of doctrine the audience heard a series of strong addresses on practical Christian living and aggressive soul winning by Dr. Neil Anderson. This excellent course of study was most suggestive in showing workers how to put their doctrines into practice.

Each evening Mr. Norman A. Baldwin, of Greensboro, N. C., gave entertaining lectures on the stereopticon slides made from photographs taken

by himself in his twenty years' travel in the Orient. The music, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Morton, has been a beautiful feature of the daily programs of the week.

The thousands of visitors and cottage dwellers at Montreat feel that they are indeed having a feast of good things, and the young people are simply having the time of their lives with the sports incidental to lake and mountain regions.

### SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AT MONTREAT.

By Mamie Bays.

During the past year Sunday-school work in the Southern Presbyterian Church made rapid strides forward, in every department, and this fact will add to the interest of the Sunday-school conference to be held at Montreat, N. C., July 29th, to August 5th, under the direction of the Sunday-school Department of this church.

There has been an increase in membership of 14,000 in the Sunday-schools of Southern Presbyterianism the past year, bringing the total Sunday-school enrollment to 340,000, which is an enrollment lacking less than 20,000 of being equal to the entire membership of the Church. The General Assembly of this Church includes in its territory the sixteen Southern States and in these States are 3,500 Presbyterian Sunday-schools. More than 3,000 of the teachers in these Sunday-schools are taking regular courses in teacher training, in order to equip themselves to do the most effective work as teachers. The importance of systematic and thorough courses in teacher training will be strongly emphasized on the program of the Montreat conference.

Another fact of special interest in connection with the Sunday-school work of this church is the emphasis placed upon the extension phase of the same, and to this end thirty-two field workers are devoting their entire time in fourteen States of the Assembly, their support being provided entirely by the Sunday-school department of the church.

The crowning feature of the accomplishment of the Sunday-school is evangelistic and of special interest in this connection is the fact that of the 35,813 members added to the Southern Presbyterian Church the past year, fifty-five per cent of this number came from the Sunday-school.

The fact that one entire week at Montreat this summer is to be devoted to the consideration of Sunday-school work is but one evidence of the increase of interest in this particular work of the Church. During this conference many of the speakers who will be heard are recognized as authority on the Sunday-school work of the Church, and others are of national reputation in this regard. Much that will be done during this conference will emphasize the recent striking utterance of Rev. Eugene C. Caldwell, of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, that "whether America stays Christian depends on the Sunday-school" and "Save the children of today if you would save the Church and nation of tomorrow." The fact will be emphasized during this conference that "the church of tomorrow walks in the boys and girls of today."

### CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCE, AT JACKSON, KY.

By William T. McElroy.

A Sunday-school Institute and Christian Workers' Conference for the Presbytery of West Lexington was held at Jackson, Ky., July 10th to

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15th. The conference was attended by two hundred and forty delegates and speakers from outside Jackson, while the Presbyterians of the town attended in large numbers, especially at the night services. The unanimous testimony of all who attended was that it was the best conference of the kind ever held in the Presbytery.

The conference opened on the evening of July 10th with an inspiring address by Rev. William A. Ganfield, D. D., president of Centre College, Danville, Ky., on the subject, "The Challenge of To-day to Church and State." Addresses of welcome were made by local speakers, and were responded to by Mr. Thomas B. Talbot, Superintendent of Home Missions of West Lexington Presbytery, to whose untiring efforts the conference was principally due.

The later sessions of the conference were devoted to the discussion on the several days of various features of the work of the Presbytery. Wednesday was "Mountain Workers' Day," practically all of the speakers being the men and women engaged in the Home Mission work of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly in the mountain territory of West Lexington Presbytery.

Thursday was "Woman's Day," when the sessions were presided over by Miss Graddy Hunter, of Versailles, and several addresses were made by women who are engaged in Sunday-school, educational and social betterment work in the mountain sections.

Friday and Saturday were devoted to the discussion of the work of the Sunday-school, Mr. W. K. Massie, of the First church, Lexington, presiding on the first day, and Mr. Talbot the second day. The last day of the conference, Sunday, was devoted to the holding of a model Sunday-school and Young People's Society by visiting delegates, and to the dedication of the beautiful new Guerrant Memorial Presbyterian church at Jackson. At this dedication service the sermon was preached by Rev. Edwin Muller, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Lexington, and an address was made by Rev. H. L. Cockerham, of Troy, Ky., on "What This Church May Mean to the Mountains."

Three years ago the Presbyterian church here was destroyed by fire and a year later the cornerstone of the new church was laid by Dr. E. O.

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